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Appn. Title: "Method and Apparatus for Accessing Information, Computer Programs,
and Electronic Communications Across Multiple Computing Devices Using
a Graphical User Interface"

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Applicant is submitting the above referenced document because it includes passages that, in applicant's view, clearly represent a prevailing teaching in the art that is opposed by a novel design element of applicant's invention. This teaching, which universally shapes the designs of past and present computer devices, claims that it is impractical to seek consistency of a computer user interface across a wide range of devices in order to achieve portability for its functions. That view is clearly in evidence on page 24 of the above referenced document, wherein the authors state "Forcing consistency across radically different products makes the products unusable."

Applicant respectfully submits that his invention, contrary to prevailing teaching in the art, provides a novel, practical user interface design that accomplishes portability and consistency across a range of computer devices.

Very Respectfully,

, Applicant

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